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SUBJECT: KOREAN PRESS COVERAGE OF JAWORSKI HEARINGS

1. KOREAN VERNACULAR PRESS IS REPORTING HEARINGS OF HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS IN CONSIDERABLE DETAIL, (TOGETHER WITH FRONT PAGE ACCOUNT OF FAILURE OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH JUSTICE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES.) ALL PAPERS CARRY SOME REPORTS ON HEARINGS, INCLUDING JAWORSKI'S OBSERVATION ABOUT APPARENT ROKG PROGRAM TO BUY INFLUENCE IN US CONGRESS, AND REPORT SOME DETAILS OF KIM SANG-GUN TESTIMONY. HOWEVER, ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND ROKG OWNED PAPERS STOP SHORT OF NAMING SENIOR ROK OFFICIALS AND OMIT JAWORSKI'S DIRECT CRITICISM OF ROKG.
2. TONGA ILBO AND CHUNGANG ILBO, ON THE OTHER HAND, QUOTE JAWORSKI'S ATTACK ON ROKG AS OBSTRUCTING INVESTIGATION AND HIS SUGGESTION FOR A RESOLUTION DEMANDING FULL ROKG COOPERATION. UNDER BYLINES OF THEIR WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENTS BOTH PAPERS REPORT FORMER AMBASSADOR KIM GONG-JO HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED AS GIVING FUNDS TO CONGRESSMAN WINN AND OFFER OF FUNDS BY HIS WIFE TO CONGRESSIONAL VISITORS IN SEOUL IS ALSO REPORTED. ALSO REPORTED IS KIM SANG-GUN'S TESTIMONY ON RECEIPT OF CHECK FROM PAK TONG-SON AND OF FUNDS FROM

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SEOUL AS WELL AS INSTRUCTIONS TO USE PAK'S INFLUENCE WITH US CONGRESS. ARTICLES REFER TO ACTIVITIES OF "YANG" (NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED) BUT OMIT ANY REFERENCE TO FORMER CIA DIRECTOR SIN CHIK-SU OR REPORTS TO PRESIDENT PAK. THESE ACCOUNTS ALSO INCLUDE FIRST LOCAL REFERENCE TO CHOE CHAE-YONG AND HAN KWANG-NYON.

3. ALL PAPERS REPORT KIM SANG-GUN'S STATEMENT HE IS RECEIVING STIPEND FROM USG AND SOME NOTE HIS REFUSAL TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED OR TELEVISED. SEOUL SINMUN REPORTS HE HAD DEFECTED FOR FEAR OF IMPRISONMENT IF HE RETURNED TO SEOUL, AND DESCRIBES HIM AS APPEARING NERVOUS AND HESITANT DURING TESTIMONY. KIM HAN-CHO'S COMPLAINT THAT "ANOTHER DIPLOMAT" (UNNAMED) ATTEMPTED TO GIVE MONEY TO A CONGRESSMAN AND THAT HE FEARED SEOUL NO LONGER TRUSTED HIM IS REPORTED, AND CHUNGANG ILBO OBSERVES THAT KIM SANG-GUN'S TESTIMONY APPEARS TO PORTRAY KIM HAN-CHO AS PROFITEERING FROM THE TRANSACTIONS.

4. NO EDITORIAL COMMENT HAS APPEARED AS YET.
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